



Awarding  
Great British  
Qualifications

# Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies\*

L3IFDHES\*  
Regulated  
Qualifications  
Framework (RQF)

Equivalent  
Pre-University  
Bridging  
Programme

## Overview

The Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) is a one-year pre-university qualification that equips students with essential skills in English, mathematics, research, and study techniques. This programme prepares students for direct entry into the first year of an undergraduate degree at internationally recognized universities, covering various disciplines from law and finance to engineering and art.

## Entry Requirements

For entry onto the NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) qualification:

Students must meet the following entry requirements:

- Completed their GCSE/IGCSE 'O' Levels or an equivalent\* qualification in their own country and passed 5 subjects with minimum grades of 'C', '4' or equivalent\* in each. These should include Mathematics and English.
- Have a valid score of 4.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination or equivalent for students whose first language is not English.

Alternatively, students can take the free NCC Education Standard English Placement Test which is administered by our Accredited Partner Centres.

\* Centres need to provide evidence to justify any equivalency decision (both qualification equivalency and grade equivalency) they make pertaining to any enrolments via non-GCSE or non-standard routes.

## Delivery Method

Face to Face or Online classes attended at an Accredited Partner Centre

## Duration

Full-time: 1 year  
Part-time: 2 years

## 120 Credits

Diploma completed full-time in one academic year

## Assessment

Through examination and coursework assignments

## Registration Dates

Throughout the year

## Guided Learning Hours

697 hours

## Total Qualification Time

1,200 hours

## Qualification Structure

Students must choose the preferred combination of units to the total value of 120 units.\*

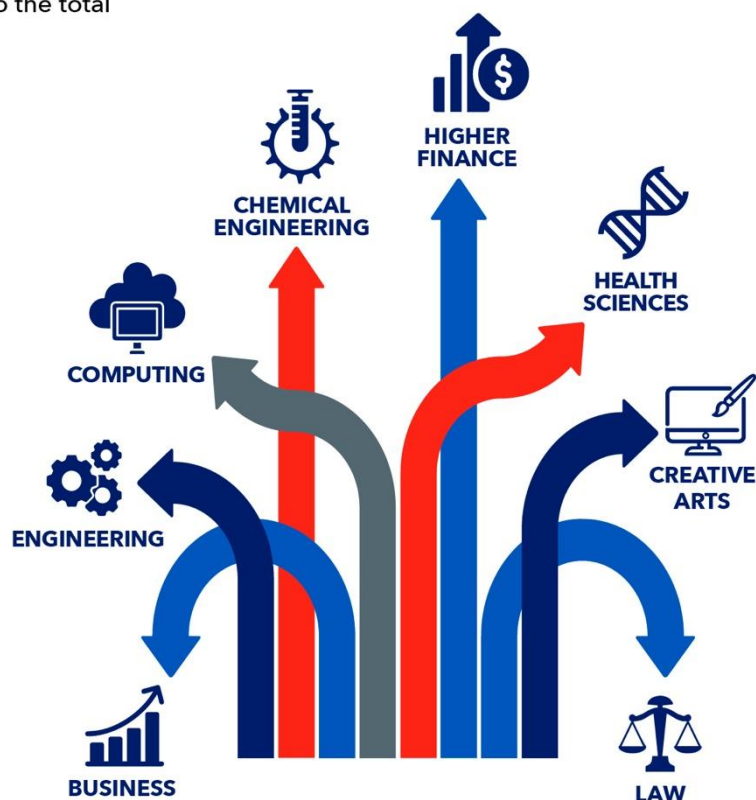
- (A) 4 core + 2 elective (both 20-credit)
- (B) 3 core + 3 elective (all 20-credit)
- (C) 4 core + 1 elective (20-credit) + 2 elective (10-credit)
- (D) 3 core + 2 elective (20-credit) + 2 elective (10-credit)

CORE UNITS			
Core Units for Students with a score of 4.5 ≤ IELTS (or equivalent) < 5.5			
New Developing English Language Skills	New English for Academic Purposes	Mathematics for University Study	Research and Study Skills for University Study

(\* These Core Units equate to 80 Units - Students need to choose additional Electives to make up another 40 Units.

Core Units for Students with IELTS (or equivalent) score of ≥ 5.5		
New English for Academic Purposes	Mathematics for University Study	Research and Study Skills for University Study

(\* These Core Units equate to 60 Units - Students need to choose additional Electives to make up another 60 Units



ELECTIVE UNITS							
20-Credit				10-Credit			
Introductory to Accounting	Introductory to Economics	Introduction to Programming with Python	Chemistry for University Study	Introduction to Computer Science			
Biology for University Study	Physics for University Study	International Business	Further Mathematics for University Study				
Law for University Study	Art and Design (General)	Fine Art	Digital Art	Digital World			

## Progression

Students that complete the NCC Education Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies (L3IFDHES) can:

- Apply to Year 1 of a university degree programme at over 100 universities, branch campuses, business schools and professional bodies in 20+ countries.

- Or enrol onto the NCC Education Level 4 Diploma in Computing (L4DC), Level 4 Diploma in Computing (with Business Management) (L4DB BM) or Level 4 Diploma in Business (L4DB), equivalent to Year 1 of a UK bachelor's degree.

Alternatively, contact the NCC Education Customer Service [customer.service@nccedu.com](mailto:customer.service@nccedu.com) or +44 (0)161 438 6200 for advice on articulation options.

For further details see the **What Next? University Progression brochure** here:



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